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1. MEETING BETWEEN PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT EANES AND ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO TOOK SURPRISE TURN FINAL MORNING OF PLANNED TRIP WITH DECISION TO FORMALLY SIGN UMBRELLA CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES (/ACCORDO GERAL DE COOPERACAO") PRESIDENT EANES, WHO ARRIVED BISSAU, SATURDAY JUNE 24, WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART NOON JUNE 26 FOLLOWING SCHEDULED 1100 HOURS SIGNING OF JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE. INSTEAD AT LAST MOMENT BOTH PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSED GENERAL COOPERATION HAD PROGRESSED SUFFICIENTLY TO PERMIT SIGNING, EANES, THEREFORE, AGREED TO POSTPONE DEPARTURE UNTIL NEXT DAY AND AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED AT 1600 HOURS LOCAL TIME.

2. BOTH PARTIES HAD INTENDED MEETING TO CLEAR AIR

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BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND TO REACH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON COOPERATION AGREEMENT. PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR IN LUANDA HAD HEADED GOP NEGOTIATING DELEGATION IN LUANDA LAST WEEK, WHICH HAD INITIATED DRAFT AGREEMENT. SEVERAL ITEMS REMAINED OUTSTANDING AND BOTH GOVERNMENTS EXPECTED PRESIDENTS' TO WORK OUT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, TO BE CONCLUDED

LATER BY APPROPRIATE MINISTERS.

3. COOPERATION AGREEMENT CALLS FOR CREATION OF MIXED COMMISSION WHICH WILL DISCUSS AND SUPERVISE SPECIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS IN CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL, AND ECONOMIC FIELDS THROUGHOUT THREE YEAR LIFE OF OVERALL AGREEMENT. TEXT SPECIFICALLY NOTES THAT COMMERCIAL, AIR AND SEA TRANSPORT, AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS ARE MATTERS WHICH WILL REQUIRE SPECIAL AGREEMENTS.

3. BISSAU MEETING WAS FIRST FOR TWO PRESIDENTS. ALTHOUGH SOME JOURNALISTS REPORTED THE INITIAL ENCOUNTER ON JUNE 24 WAS SOMEWHAT COLD AND FORMAL, MEETINGS OBVIOUSLY WENT WELL. EANES AND NETO HAD SEVERAL LONG PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS, WHICH, ACCORDING TO REPORTS, TOUCHED ON CURRENT AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS AS WELL AS BILATERAL QUESTIONS. ONE JOURNALIST ASKED PRESIDENT EANES IF HE WAS CARRYING SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT NETO. EANES REPLIED NEGATIVELY, BUT THERE HAS BEEN MUCH SPECULATION AMONG JOURNALISTS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT EANES AT MINIMUM BRIEFED NETO ON HIS, EANES', RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON, AND INDEED PROBABLY DID HAVE AT LEAST A GENERAL STATEMENT OF USG VIEWS TO GIVE TO THE ANGOLAN PRESIDENT.
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4. ANOTHER JOURNALIST INTERVIEWED ANGOLAN MINFOR AFFAIRS PAUL JORGE AND ASKED ABOUT USG DELEGATION CURRENTLY IN LUANDA. JORGE MADE SEVERAL FAIRLY NON-COMMITTAL REMARKS AND CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT "IT APPEARS AS IF UGS HAS DECIDED WE CAN NO LONGER BE IGNORED".

5. PRESIDENT EANES NOW SCHEDULED DEPART BISSAU FOR LISBON NOON TUESDAY, JUNE 27. PRESIDENT NETO'S DEPARTURE NOT YET FIXED. MEANWHILE, PRESIDENT CABRAL AND GOGB EXTREMELY GRATIFIED BY SUCCESSFUL RESULT THEIR EFFORTS TO PLAY MATCHMAKER.

6. FURTHER DETAILS SEPTTEL.
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